

was part of the garden of "Rutland", home of John and Betty Rice, which faces on to Ellingham Road. The naming acknowledges the contribution which Mrs. Rice has made to the community life of the neighbourhood through her involvement in a great many activities, which include those connected with the Neighbourhood Association and Council, the Youth Club in its early days and Adeyfield Free Church.

55: Hobletts Road leads into Ellingham Road at a point where once the rough track across the field called Sam's Piece crossed the footpath which led from Bohemia Farm to Hobletts orchard. All that now remains of Sam's Piece accessible to the public is the grassed area at the corner. Here, to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Queen, a street resident arranged for paving stones to replace the muddy track made by many feet, and along it was sited a wooden bench seat with plaque sculptures at either end. These depict St. Mary's Church and Kodak House - the spiritual and commercial elements; symbolic of the foundation of a contemporary way of life on an old heritage.

56: Great Road was one of the 14 roads in the Adeyfield of the days of the borough, where it ended at its junction with the original longer Ellingham Road. Of the few houses then in it, No. 6 (the house attached to the garage, re-built) is to be remembered as the general store and sub-post office. On the opposite side, at the corner of Adeyfield Road, was the house Shirley (now replaced by four houses) where lived the first president of Adeyfield Community Centre.

57: The screening landscaping of the electricity sub-station to one side of the bus shelter in Adeyfield Road, and the paved walk leading in the other direction to Old House Road, are to be noted as an enhancement of what could have been an obtrusive feature in the one case and a mere pavement by the side of the road in the other.

58: The development of the Old House Road and Court area of flats, houses and bungalows for old people occupies the site of the one-time Adeyfield Farm which was the first building to be demolished in the building of the new town. By this time it was operating on a very small scale, and its demolition was an acceptable contribution to clearing the way for a new era - symbolised by the establishing of a milk distribution

depot in the north-east corner of The Queen's Square (subsequently replaced by Securicor).

59: So, with a final appreciative look at the balconied rear of the Longlands flats and the spacious grassed area landscaped with a variety of trees, go through the central archway to cross the road. To stand and look back from the Square at the central balcony of the flats, as did the Queen and Lord Reith, to where is fixed the coat-of-arms of the Development Corporation, to whom is owed the foundation of a new town which has the Best of Both Worlds: "Grandiora: Uberiora: Pulchriora".

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